

*Talking Books Plus is administered by the Rhode Island Office of Library and Information Services, Library Programs section. We are a regional library, part of the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, a program sponsored by the Library of Congress, which provides all talking books and equipment to us. Find out more at our web site:*

*<http://www.lori.state.ri.us/TBP>*

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# Talking Books Plus

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Monday – Friday**

# ORGANIZATION

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Talking Books Plus (TB Plus) is the Rhode Island Regional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped and functions as a public library for eligible persons with disabilities who reside in Rhode Island. Talking Books Plus lends special reading material and specially-designed equipment free of charge. Books recorded on cassettes are mailed postage-free to individuals qualifying for these services.

Our collection contains over 30,000 titles, ranging from popular novels to bestsellers. Materials are available for both children and adults. Descriptive catalog listings are provided to enable individuals to select their own reading materials. In addition our reader advisors can help patrons to select materials based on their reading interests. A selection of popular magazines in special formats is also available.

# SERVICES

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Talking Books Plus connects readers with materials in the following formats. Some of the materials are made available through contracts with other agencies.

- Books on audio cassettes
- Braille materials
- Large Print books
- Descriptive videos

Talking Books Plus refers eligible persons to the state's Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired for evaluation and additional services. The staff of TB Plus also refer patrons with special needs to other appropriate organizations.

**Talking Books Plus staff are available from 8 am to 4 pm Monday - Friday. During non-business hours, voice mail messages may be left when you call (401)222-5800. E-mail messages may be sent to [tbplus@lori.state.ri.us](mailto:tbplus@lori.state.ri.us) at any time. Visit our website for more information.**  
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# ELIGIBILITY

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## Who Qualifies to Receive Talking Books?

Any person who is unable to read or use standard print material because of a temporary or permanent visual impairment or a physical disability is eligible to use talking books. Your application form must be signed by a certifying authority to document that you qualify for our services. You must live in the United States or be an American citizen living abroad. Call Talking Books Plus for complete eligibility requirements at (401)222-5800.

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